



CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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DIOCESE OF LAKE CHARLES

Established April 25, 1980

The Most Rev. Glen John Provost, D.D., M.A.
Bishop of Lake Charles

PARISH STAFF

Very Reverend Ruben Buller, V. G.
Pastor
Reverend Michael Beverung
Parochial Vicar
Reverend Mr. Hunter LaRocca
Deacon
Mr. Robert Marcantel
Music Director
Mrs. Marlene Mullenix
Organist
Mrs. Carmel Fazzio
Bookkeeper
Mrs. Monica Broussard
Secretary/Youth Director
Ms. Karen Carso
Receptionist
Mrs. Sue Burke
Receptionist
Mr. Brendan Howard
Maintenance
Mrs. Jacqueline Hebert
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Cathedral office hours:

Monday–Thursday 8:30 AM–12:00 1:00–4:30 PM
Friday 8:30 AM–Noon

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 8:00 AM–St. Bernadette Oratory
4:00 PM (Anticipated Mass)
Sunday 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:15 AM
12:45 PM (Rubrics of 1962)
Monday–Friday 7:00 AM St. Bernadette Oratory
12:05 PM
5:00 PM (Rubrics of 1962)–St. Bernadette Oratory

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Monday–Thursday 11:30 AM–Noon
Friday 11:00 AM–Noon
Saturday 3:00 PM–3:55 PM

30 minutes before all Sunday Masses
NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP
Tuesdays before 12:05 Mass

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 3, 2025

My Dear People of God!

This weekend, we say good-bye to two of our Cathedral family. First, we say good-bye to Cameron Fontenot the seminarian who has been with us since the beginning of June. Cameron has been very active in our parish. Let us continue to pray for him as he begins his next phase of formation in preparation for priestly ministry.

Second, we say good-bye from the parish office to Cookie Dennison. Cookie has been the secretary for the Cathedral Parish for many years and has also assisted with many marriages as well. We will miss her certainly! However, she will remain a member of the Cathedral Parish.

As we continue to look at the Creed, we next consider that God the Father is creator of all things. When we look at the fact that God is the Creator, we see this in the fact that God is our Father. The fatherhood of God then becomes the source of all things. As we looked at last week, God the Creator is not merely an outside source. Like a biological father, God the Father leaves His mark behind. We then become the children of God as such because our Father has left His mark on us and in us.

As the maker and creator of all, we then find the origin of humanity in God. Our relationship with God as the family of God comes through the Incarnation, Ministry, Redemption, and Resurrection of Christ. However, our movement toward God is based on the mark that God has placed on our hearts. This longing for God then moves toward God. Saint Augustine will say: "Our hearts are restless, until they rest in You, O Lord." (*Confessions*, 1, 1.5)

It is for this reason that we should look at creation as a movement toward God. Seeing the marks and traces of God that are present should help us to grow closer to God. The Medieval Theologians of the Church would call this the book of nature that reveals the truth of God.

This week, it would be good for each of us to look at the natural beauty of all things of nature (the waterways, the flowers, the animals, etc.). Seeing them brings us closer to the truth of God, the Father, Creator of all that is.

God Bless!
Father Ruben Buller

The Sanctuary Candle burns in August for:
Cathedral: Vida Trahan and Carla Primeaux
St. Bernadette Oratory: Rev. Archimandrite
Herbert May

In Loving Memory...

Elizabeth Ann Dimaline
Mother of Claire Rider

We pray that she will find peace and joy in the presence of Our Lord. We extend our sincere sympathy to her family and to all who mourn her death



Celebration of the
Sacrament of Baptism:
Beau David Winn
&
Olivia Bryce Myers

Sweet Treats Alert!

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Lady of the Lake #695 will host a bake sale after all weekend masses August 2nd and 3rd.

Swing by, say hello, and take home a tasty treat (or two!). It's the perfect way to enjoy a little sugar and a lot of heart.



Pecans! Pecans! Pecans!

The Catholic Daughters are selling pecans!
Mammoth pecan halves * \$12.50 per 1-pound bag
Come by the Bake Sale and place your order!
August 2 and 3, 2025 at Ave Maria Hall after all
Masses *Pecans will arrive in time for your holiday
baking! To place an order by phone, call/text: Connie
@ 337.794.0689 Payment by Venmo accepted at:

Consuelo Nodier
@Consuelo-Nodier



Upcoming second collections:

July 27, 2025	\$16,681.95	August 3rd-Building Fund
Offertory	\$12,867.00	August 10th-BSA
Online	\$3,814.95	August 17th-Religious Education

Readings for the Week ~ August 4-8, 2025

Monday: St John Vianney Numbers 11:4b-15 ;
Ps. 81:12-17; Matthew 14:13-21

Tuesday: Numbers 12:1-13; Ps.51:3-4,5-6a-d,7, 12-13;
Matthew 14:22-36

Wednesday: Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord
Daniel 7:9-10,13-14; Ps. 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2Peter 1:16-19
Luke 9:28b-36

Thursday: Numbers 20:1-13; Ps. 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9;
Matthew 16:13-23

Friday: St. Dominic Deuteronomy 4:32-40; Ps.
77:12-13, 14-16 and 21; Matthew 16:24-28

Saturday: Deuteronomy 6:4-13; Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 ;
Matthew 14:1-12

Sunday: Wisdom 18:6-9; Ps. 33:1, 12,18-19, 20-22;
Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Luke 12:32-48



ALTAR SERVERS

There will be a new altar server training and refresher course for current servers on Saturday, August 16th at 10:00 am in the church. Lunch will be provided afterwards in the hall at 11:30 am

SAVE THE DATE

DETAILS ANNOUNCED FOR LOCAL FOOD DRIVE BENEFITING ABRAHAM'S TENT

(Lake Charles, Louisiana)--The annual “**Clean Out the Freezer and Pantry Day**,” sponsored by Sportsmen For the Hungry, in affiliation with Hunters For the Hungry, is scheduled for **Sunday, August 24, 2025, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the the Pathology Laboratory Parking Lot, located at 830 West Bayou Pines Drive in Lake Charles**. A convenient drive-thru drop-off service will be provided near the Lake Street parking lot entrance. Southwest Louisiana residents are encouraged to clean out their freezers and pantries to help feed the hungry in our area. Donations of wrapped and labeled frozen meat and fish (wild and domestic), canned or boxed foods, rice, cooking oil, seasonings, vegetables and paper goods will be accepted. All donations will be delivered directly to Abraham’s Tent, a local non-profit organization whose mission is to provide food for the poor and hungry in Lake Charles every day of the year.

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and set your tithe to automatically occur when, how often, and in the amount you would like to give. After your account is set up, you will always have access to it to update your information, change gift amounts, enter new payment methods, or pause/cancel a gift at any time. With online giving, you can forget about writing checks or having cash on hand for the offertory!

Remember, you can easily access your online payment account at immaculateconceptioncathedral.com/payments

INAUGURAL MEN'S CONFERENCE IS AUG. 16

The inaugural "Iron Sharpens Iron" 2025 Men's Conference is planned for Saturday, August 16, 2025, at St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church, 2500 Enterprise Boulevard, in Lake Charles. The all-day event — 8:15 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. — is open to all men, 13 years and older, who want to be inspired, challenged and equipped on their faith journey. Minors must be accompanied by an adult.

With the theme, "Be strong and show yourself a man." — I Kings 2:2 RSV, organizers said the mission of the event is to bring men together to strengthen brotherhood, to enlighten men to assist them in their vocations as head of the family, husband, or single life, and send them forth with courage to spread the Word.

Conference hours are 8:15 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Doors open at 7:00 a.m. for check-in with the Rosary beginning at 7:45 a.m.

The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, will celebrate Mass at 11:00 a.m., and there will also be time set aside for Eucharistic Adoration.

Tickets are \$50.00 for adults, and \$35.00 for those age 13 to 17 years. Seating is limited. Visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/iron-sharpens-irons-mens-conference-2025-tickets-1316170173419>.

Sponsorships are available for \$5,000 (includes four tickets), \$2,000 (includes two tickets), \$1,000 (includes two tickets), \$500, and \$250.

For general conference and sponsorship questions, please email at ironsharpensiron2500@gmail.com or call 603-867-8857.

The Rosary is prayed before every weekday 12:05 Mass.

There is also the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help before the 12:05 Mass on Tuesdays.

Pray for VOCATIONS

Melchizedek Project: Vocation discernment groups

The Melchizedek Project hosts meetings for young men in high school and college in an environment where they can freely consider God's plan in their life. The vocation discernment groups meet bi-weekly, and food will be provided. For more information on meeting times and locations, visit <http://lcvocations.com/discrimenment-groups>.

**The Vianney House—206 Aqua Drive,
Lake Charles**

PRAYER FOR SAFETY IN HURRICANE SEASON

O God, Master of this passing world, Hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed Your order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the Master of the land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy and overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season, we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with the passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son in our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem where stormless eternity awaits us. Amen

**+The Most Reverend Maurice Schexnayder
2nd Bishop of Lafayette**

"WOMEN OF THE BIBLE"

"Women of the Bible" for women—a monthly presentation led this month by Father Ruben Buller: Meet in the Ave Maria Hall at 8:30 after the 8:00 a.m. Mass on **Saturday, August 16th**. Fr. Buller will speak on St. Jane Francis de Chantel. A light breakfast will be served and there is no need to RSVP.

Can We Bring Jesus to You or Your Loved One?

If anyone is homebound and would like to receive the Holy Eucharist at home, or if you know someone who is homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion, please call the church office at 337-436-7251 and we will contact you.

Religious Sisters of Mercy monthly gathering

Join the Religious Sisters of Mercy for a small group ENDOW study on St. John Paul II's *Letter to Women*. The group study, for single women ages 18-35, meets on the first Tuesday monthly for dinner and discussion at the Sisters' convent, 1414 Martha Street. ENDOW (Educating on the Nature of and Dignity of Women) seeks to educate women toward a more profound understanding of their God-given dignity through study in small groups of faith and friendship.

Please contact the Religious Sisters of Mercy to register or for more information: Call 337-564-0030 or email lakecharles@almamercy.org.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, August 2...(8:00 AM)...Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Dauphin **(4:00 PM)**—Gladys & Delma Devillier; Ted Gauthreaux; JB Postell; Beau Styron; Glenn & Jeanne Delahoussaye; Annette Pronia; Scalisi & Barone Families; Concetta & Curtis Cardone, Sr. ; Curtis Cardone, Jr.

SUNDAY, August 3...(7:30 AM)—“Pro Populo” (For the People) **(9:30 AM)**—Michael Scimemi; Eileen Cappel; Charles Viccellio; Tillie & F.J. Lungaro; Lonnie J. Neveu; Sherman Solar; David Trunecek; Dallas Grimmit; Tyler Family; Sam Reed **(11:15 AM)**—Hiram DuRousseau **(12:45 PM Rubrics of 1962)**— Piero Cenni

MONDAY, August 4...(7:00 AM)—“Pro Populo” (For the People) **(12:05 PM)**—C.H. Miller, Jr. **(5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962)**—Collin and Brittany Racco and children

TUESDAY, August 5...(7:00 AM)— Phillip Conner **(12:05 PM)**—Cindy Stanic **(5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962)**—Kara Leger Racco

WEDNESDAY, August 6...(7:00 AM)—Darty and Sheila Douga **(12:05 PM)**—Kate Ortego Thomas **(5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962)**—Cheryl Casey

THURSDAY, August 7...(7:00 AM)— Ronald Ormsby **(12:05 PM)**— Louis and Mary Ann Riviere **(5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962)**—Kellen Leger

FRIDAY, August 8...7:00 AM—“Pro Populo” (For the People) **(12:05 PM)**—Brandon McFarlain **(5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962)**—Maura Casey

SATURDAY, August 9...(8:00 AM)—Shannon J. Fuselier, Sr. **(4:00 PM)**—Tom Delahoussaye; Kenneth Abrahams; Hebert & Pronia Families; Monsignor Charles Dubois; Ogea & Duhon Families; Shelia Cola

SUNDAY, August 10...(7:30 AM)—“Pro Populo” (For the People) **(9:30 AM)**—James Dunham Shearman; Anna Rita & Joseph Scalisi; Heather Ieyoub **(11:15 AM)**—Glenn & Jeanne Delahoussaye **(12:45 PM Rubrics of 1962)**—Matthew Schnur

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS WHO ARE ILL

Melissa Anderson; George Ange; Jenna, Aden, Grace, David Babcock; James M. Bailey; Guy Barré; David Batchelor; Dale Bayard; June Benoit; Andre Boudreault; Melanie Bowles; Gayla Brimer; Chandra Broussard; Dean Broussard; Kylan Broussard; James Bryan; Jerry Cain; Emily Carleton; Pauline Chavanne; William “Will” Chavanne; Denise Collett; Helen Credeur; Betty Daigle; Wade Davis; Carolyn Denison; Vickie Denison; Gwen Thomas Dowden; Larry Dugas; Sadie Dunn; Claudia & Curtis Dyle; Charles Elter; Ann Eustis; Chad Fazzio; Tony Fazzio; Nicholas Fletcher; Gilbert Fontenot; Sundra Fontenot; Nelson Francisco; Kathleen Gallow; Carolyn Gauthreaux; Debbie Gauthreaux; Diane Hagerty; Gabriel Hardy; Mary Lois Harst; Michelle Hart; Mary Hebert; Peggy Heideman; Brenda Hoback; Allen Hoffpauir; Emery Hooper; Anne Hoyer; Sheryl Huesers; Georgia Ieyoub; Heather Ieyoub; Mary Jeffers; Gary Johnson; Brice Jones; Christy Papania-Jones; Darrel Jones; Hattie Kadlubar; Denver Keller; Kim LaFleur; Natalie Landry; Chad Lavergne; Caroline Lawless; James Leger; Michael Lee; Marshall Leiber; Della Lemaire; Catherine Lorenzi; Elizabeth Louviere; Melanie Lupo; Vincent Lupo; Judy Marcantel; Megan Marcantel; Zoë Dyle May; Brett McCaughey; Barbara McCombs; Kai McKinney; Raven McKinney; Melanie Moreno, Elaine Morrow; Jerry Nichols; Dr. John Noble; Randy Nunez; Shawn O’Guinn; Carol & Larry Ortego; Janie Pago; Larry Parker; Larry Parker, Jr.; Ben Perry; Robert Perry; Susan Prejean; Seth Priola; Demi Rainwater; Clifford Raleigh; Rena Reed; Kendall Richard; Oliver “Rick” Richard; William P. Richard; Lathan Russell; Rene Russell; Silas David San Miguel; Sheila Sanders; Leslie Sayne; Marie Scimemi; Doug Shearman; Sue Spears; Marlena Spell; Jaxson Spikes; Rob Stephens; Jackie Stevens; Katherine Grace Stutes; Wren Elise Stutes; Gary Swain; Jude Theriot; Cole Thomas; Fayette Thomas; Stanley Thomas; Warren Thomas; Chad Trahan; Darla & Patrick Trahan; Ted Trahan; John Tucker; Rebecca Turner; Jo Ann Van Gossen; Larry James Vidrine; Clay Ward; Clyde Weber; Aly & Riley Wilkins; Remi Wissinger; Margaret Wukovits; Andrew Yearby; Ronda Yearby; Gay Young; Martha Young.

If you would like to add or remove a name, please call the church office at 337.436.7251

PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST

Pope Leo XIV: Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

Bishop Provost: Let us pray for newly married and young couples to live following the example of the Holy Family with perseverance and strong faith in God.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY...Michael Buller, USN; Daniel Breaux, US Army; Cade Camel, US Army; Anthony Deshotel, US Navy; Gabriel Emerson, USAF; LTC John Harrell; Cpl. Wyatt LeJune, USMC; Noah Keller, US Army; Ross Painter, US Army; Lt. Col John Robichaux; Col. Steve Rodriguez, USAF; Joey Russell, USMC; Rick Ruot, Army National Guard; Macy Shearman, USMC Reserve; Nikolas Stanko US Army; Anthony Viccellio, USAF; Nicholas Viccellio, USAF National Guard; Joseph Vincent, USMC (To add or remove a name, please call the office—436.7251)